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**REMARKS:**

By this Amendment, claims 1-15 currently pending in the international application have been amended, and new claims 16-20 have been added, all to improve the grammar, more clearly define the invention under U.S. rules, and remove multiple dependency. The contents of the priority application, Japanese Pat. App. Ser. No. 2002-254938 filed August 30, 2002, and the international application, PCT/JP2003/011012 filed August 29, 2003, are hereby incorporated in this application by reference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

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